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### THE MOTIVES.

NO DOUBT is now anywhere entertained that Germany and her allies are hard put to it. The cost to men and money is frightful; loans are hard to raise any more; the mark is dwindling down and down; the blockade is becoming terrific, and in front of a winter and spring that the Hun contemplates with dismay. These are reasons why the chancellor gets up, and with his pious wife proposes peace.

The military regime at Potsdam, hearing the ominous cracking of its system all around, and the mutterings of discontent arising from even the docile, hand-tamed population of Germany, plays eagerly for peace, even in its hour of quasi victory in Rumania. It hates the thought of another year facing the city mobs. If it can win a peace on anything like even terms, all may yet be well. Of course, if the Entente will not grant a draft, then Potsdam may as well fight on, as its doom will be sealed anyway in case of unsuccess in war. But a draft! What a chance! Hohenzollern throws the die and holds his breath to see how it will turn up. At any rate, the German people will see that good pious Wilhelm is doing all he can for peace, and perhaps will be more contented.

Then there are the neutrals who should be reconciled. They have suffered much at Germany's hands, and doubtless may have to suffer even more, those Americans, Norwegians and Dutch, though, of course, they are making a good thing out of the war as a whole. They must be made to see that the brutal Entente is responsible for all the murder of life, loss of shipping and high cost of living all over the world. Surely they will see that a draw is a fair proposition to end the war.

Finally there is the chance of setting the Entente Allies by the ears. Great Britain, with its pacifist element and existing great pecuniary losses, might very possibly jump at an ending of the monotonous strife. The Germans know very well the British love of peace, and used to despise it till they found out how the British soldiers fight. France also, and Italy, might think they had enough. These western powers might be disposed to break their pact with Russia, and leave her in the lurch, balked of Constantinople and minus Poland. The possibilities of the future might then include a league of absolutist Russia (eager for revenge), with absolutist Germany against western democracy.

Such ideas may be in Potsdam's mind. But they will find that the Entente pact is as strong as adamant. What does dishonor know of honor?

### THE LATE WM. GRAY.

HE WHO WOULD have friends must show himself friendly. This axiom was proved in the life of William Gray, M.P., whose death occurred yesterday after a period of failing health. Mr. Gray was one of the most friendly men in London and his extensive friendship. He numbered his friends on both sides of the political fence, and his genial presence was greatly missed. He was ready at all times to consider claims made upon him as the member of parliament for London, no matter who might make the request. His disposition won him his place in Parliament, and while he did not prominently enter into the activities of the House he was a favorite with his fellow-members. His death is sincerely regretted by citizens.

### THE SQUEAL OF GERMANY.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT of definite and official peace terms from Germany should have the moral effect of a great victory on the people of the Allied nations. The bragging bully who believed he could crush civilization and establish brute might on earth has cried for "Quarter!" In the words of his chancellor, von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Kaiser, "in a deep moral and religious sense of duty toward his nation, and beyond it, towards humanity, now considers that the moment has come for official action toward peace." In the words of the Allies, the Kaiser is now spent in men and arms, in valor (if) and in moral support from his people, also in hope of divine or devilish intervention. The hour has struck for the Allies. The British army is not now "contemptible." The French are not "bled white." The King of the Belgians still holds his honor. Justice has at last armed herself and made ready to combat the trenchery that has sent its hourly thrills of horror and despair through the world.

Germany has a vast conquered territory within her lines of soldiers. But every now and requires more men, and the Kaiser's men have fallen like autumn leaves in a forest gap, shells intended for the campaign of defence in 1917 have been showered upon the Rumanians. The whole desperate drive of von Hindenburg proves now to have been a play for peace. The Kaiser had

another of his delusions, just as when he expected Britain to permit the tramping underfoot of Belgium. He believed the Allies struck with awe at the Rumanian spectacle. He shook the Greek menace in their faces. Then he trotted out his imitation dove of peace, a badly-disguised carrion crow, in fact. The Allies will laugh in his face now. With pigmy armies and undeveloped resources, with a single line of men from the channel to Switzerland, they held him off in 1914. Now they are just reducing a tremendous, new-made fighting bulk to fighting condition. The machine may be clumsy, but it is powerful. The spirit behind the machine is indomitable.

Britain alone would fight the Kaiser until every possibility of further military ambitions are nullified. Britain and France and Russia together will insist upon much more from the Kaiser offers; the cost of the war in money must be met by Germany; the cost of war in lives must be met as far as possible by the destruction of the menace of vast armament and organized murder. The mad dog among nations must be treated in such a manner as to prevent a recurrence of military rabies.

### THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

THE COUNTY fathers gather in only three times a year for the transaction of business. For a week The Advertiser prints many columns of their proceedings; in December occurs the warden's banquet, then the councilors return to the serious business of farming. If the city man is sufficiently interested to read the reports—and he should be—he will have observed that there is little of the spicy news of squabbling and row in the reports of the county fathers. They will have their contentious questions and vigorous discussion, but seldom do personalities creep in. No one ever heard of an exchange of drinking glasses at a meeting of the county council, at least, not in the memory of the writer, who for more than twelve years has been more or less of necessity an observer of the county council proceedings.

These farmer friends of ours will be found to be practical businessmen, if one takes the trouble to drop in upon them. Much is entrusted to the warden and the officials. The various committees hold brief sessions to hear reports, and they dispose of business in an efficient and direct manner, not without thorough understanding of what they are talking about. The council takes the reports of committees, and with adequate, but not excessive, discussion, quickly reaches a decision. They are not flashy spenders, these county councilors. They realize that roads, drainage, schools, bridges and the financing of these things are the chief business of the county. They keep Middlesex up to the mark among her sister counties, and they do their "bit" when worthy appeals are made. It is seldom they are humbugged.

The Middlesex county council and its officials have a splendid record. No public body has quietly done its duty with more good results. It does not seek much publicity, but its periodical comings cause one to realize the importance of its deliberations upon the welfare of the county, as well as county.

### THE DREADED DOVE.

AWFUL panic in New York! Remote prospect of peace strikes terror to the hearts of all good citizens! Bethlehem Steel and General Motors may go down! Proposal to stop the war a heartless plot! Cabarets are emptied in one minute! Milliners and modistes prepare to march on Washington, demanding protection for 500 hats and 11,000 cloaks! (Later) Pierpont Morgan issues reassuring statement! Declares prospect of peace in dim future! Leading citizens deprecate attempt to menace American prosperity! Slaughter will go on indefinitely! Hurrah! Cabarets quickly filled with milliners, modistes and patrons! Honolulu orchestra touches up skuleles! Corks pop like machine guns! Horrible possibility fades into rosy prospect of more profits, more wine, more women and more war!

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

Canada needs National Government.

The German peace proposals are in the nature of a bit of Christmas cheer for the Allies.

The Kaiser was the war-maker. Unless the allies are beaten down, he will never play the peace-maker.

What a protean actor is the Kaiser! He would wear the beard of Jehovah and the cloven hoof of Old Nick!

When the Kaiser was sick, the Kaiser's saint would be—but it's mighty hard for him to look the part.

Until peace comes the German soldiers must fight on, says the Kaiser. And fight on empty stomachs, possibly.

The withdrawal of German divisions from the Rumanian front means the strengthening of the Greek assassin's hand.

Bethmann-Hollweg at the outbreak of war admitted that Germany did wrong. Now he knows that he's "in wrong."

If the criminal is permitted to name his own sentence, so should the Germans be permitted to make their own terms of peace.

Poor old Bernhard! It would seem as though the Germans have snubbed him. "Kultur" as a dose for the world is put back on the shelf.

How the German soldiers must have groaned when they read at the end of the Kaiser's peace spiel: "Until that moment arrives you will still fight on."

The old Conservative gossips are following the lead of Grandma on Richmond street, and telling Miss Canada to beware of that fellow Laurier, and Grandma hears he's going to drop out anyway.

## The Advertiser's Daily Short Story

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### The Two Passengers

BY NAPOLEON S. ZARICK.

Out of the door of a popular gambling hall fled twenty hatless, coatless figures, and after them came a host of officers of the law, namely, sharp-eyed detectives and shrewd policemen. They pursued were smaller and more agile, while the pursuers were well-trained and stronger. It was a famous raid. The gamblers had been caught in the act, the gambling devices, some of them valuable, were all confiscated, and the men, except one, were seized after a long run.

But there was one person in the hall, the owner of the hall, who had not been caught. That was the one drawback to the law authorities to be the main leader of the gang, and a man who has organized one gang is, as a rule, perfectly capable of organizing another. In vain all searched, trying to win the large reward offered for his capture. But he had disappeared, as if off the face of the earth, and his captured friends, though closely questioned, could not give the slightest idea as to his whereabouts.

But there was one person in the city where the raid occurred who could have told the searchers where Bob Crane was, and the one person was Nellie Hayes. Nellie was a tall, girl, square, good-looking, chap about twenty-four years old, his gaze made her eyes drop and the soft color rise into her face. He then deliberately turned and followed her at a respectful distance to her home on one of the fashionable streets of the town. Time passed rapidly and before long he had made friends with her father, and in an amazingly short time the upper class knew him as the sweetheart of pretty Nellie Hayes.

She knew nothing about him, but just took him on trust, thinking him to be an honest, upright man. But she had been deceived, as many other good women are. When he told her he had enemies, she thought it was because he was so good, and he had not heart nor inclination to meddle with her. Now, when he dodged under the arm of a blue-coated pursuer, and swung another one out of the way with a blow of his big fist, he ran, more from force of habit than anything, straight in at the half-open door of Mr. Hayes home. Nellie was standing in the hall as he rushed in.

"Bob!" she cried, showing a little excitement in her voice, as she came toward him with her arms outstretched and her eyes pitying him. "Oh, what's the matter, dear?"

"Don't Nellie," he said huskily, as he looked embarrassed into her eyes. "You mustn't touch me now. I don't know what I'm here for anyway, unless it's too much confidence in me."

She gazed at him wonderingly. He had looked forward in sorrow to the time when he would have to confess

to her. And now the time had come. Nellie's look caused him to say:

"It'll be the best for you. Don't look at me that way," he cried, as he took a step away from her. "I'm not fit for you to touch, nor to kiss, nor to think of, Nellie, darling." He choked back a sob before he continued, "I'm a bad man, and the police are looking everywhere for me this minute, but I had to come and tell you first, that it's all true—what you'll see in the papers today—that Bob Crane is a gambler and a sharper, and that his business is to cheat men out of their hard-earned wages. I'm this same Bob Crane," he confessed to the only girl that he had ever loved. "I've been trying to get into something else for your sake lately, dear, but I couldn't seem to and old ways are hard to break. So good-bye, Nellie, you'd best forget about me."

"Bob, what are you going to do?" she inquired anxiously as she glanced pleadingly at him. "Why didn't you tell me before so that I could have helped you?"

"I'm going to give myself up to the police," he answered quickly as he prepared to leave. "But," she hesitated, then she came and laid her hands on his shoulders to gaze into his eyes. "Bob, dear, if I'll get you out of this country and keep you from finding out, will you promise to be a good man as long as you live?"

He caught his breath. "Nellie, it's too big a risk for you. Why do you want to mix yourself in my troubles?"

"Promise," she urged, as she grasped him by his arm.

"I'll promise," he said solemnly, and then added, "but it's leaving my heart behind me, Nellie, dear."

She did not answer, but crossed the hall and took a small envelope from a table drawer, then came and stood before him again. "Now, listen. From now on, Bob, you're Mr. John Edwards and you're going back to your old home in Ireland. Your rooms and pass-ports were taken last Friday for today's boat. You see, Mr. Edwards, who bought this ticket, is ill, and the doctor said it would kill him to go. His wife brought the ticket in here last night and asked me to take it back to the steamship office this morning. So, Mr. Edwards, I will hire a carriage for you and tonight you'll be safe on your way to the distant land."

She glanced at him; her eyes seemed to have a pleading look in them. "Bob, you'll keep your promise, won't you? And you must try and forget me."

"Forget you, darling? And it'll be class knew him as the sweetheart of pretty Nellie Hayes. Then by and by, when I've got an honest job and a little money—oh, I'm not worthy of you, but I shall send for you just the same. Now let me see the ticket."

She drew away a little as she handed him the envelope; she knew very well what would happen. He looked up in surprise, as he opened it. His heart beat faster. "Why, Nellie, there are two tickets here. What does it mean?"

"Mr. Edwards was going, too, Bob," she replied.

"But what'll I do with them?" he inquired as he glanced at her affectionately with a glowing joy in his eyes. "Nellie, oh, Nellie! You don't mean you—you—"

"Of course I am," she said. "Did you think I'd let you go alone?"

A few months later Bob and Nellie landed in the distant country and Bob Crane, the reformed gambler, married Nellie Hayes, the girl who had always been true to him.

Today Bob is manager of Mr. Hayes' foreign office, and is planning to return to America when he has repaid all of the money that he won in the gambling hall.

gone into the mining game. He should do well at that. Anybody who ever paid to see Tommy fight, would be easy picking for mining stock sellers. Regular easy birds.

The committee of One Hundred may have taken the cheer away from Christmas, but we figure that quite a few will get in on the "hip, hip" hooray end of it.

Somebody wants to restore the home spirit in the U. S. A., thus killing divorce. What is home compared to a

A New Jersey man has to go to church for 52 consecutive Sundays and put a \$1 on the collection plate, all because he lost a bet on Judge Hughes. He will not be a regular s. i. n. e. the end, not a chance, Louise.

A Frenchman has been sent to jail for 5 years for selling 360 cases of champagne to the Kaiser. He probably was punished because he did not poison the stuff.

It is said that everybody is buying sensible Christmas presents. That is just as exciting as drinking 2 per cent stuff. It looks all right, but there's something lacking.

Our old friend has come to our rescue with a few things as per invoice following—

Milk patrons kick, but pay the penny that has been added to the cost of milk, which reminds us there may be many a kick between the cow and the lip.

These are moving days. No sooner does a man get his Christmas and New Year bills paid than he begins saving for his summer vacation, and as soon as he gets on his feet after the vacation he has to begin "shopping early."

"My wife is a most original woman," said Brown. "Why, when I proposed to her, instead of saying 'This is so sudden,' she said, 'Well, I think it's about time.'"

What is home without a snowshovel? Can a solid fact leak out? A "self-made man" generally manages to spoil his job somewhere.

Now doctors tell us that onions are good for weak lungs. They certainly do strengthen the breath.

What is a modern magazine? A small body of literature surrounded by an ocean of advertisements.

Some of the reform spellers, though zealous in the cause, do not approve of "kist." When they have the proper subject they find even "kissed" too short.

A newspaper editor in a small town in Western Ontario is being sued for \$5,000 libel. It's the most flattering thing that has happened in his whole life. Imagine any person thinking an editor had that wad of coin.

The trouble about a German offensive is that it is so doggone offensive.

Tommy Burns, erstwhile pugilist, has

cabaret? That home spirit is a long way from home over there.

A Michigan gent advises folks to eat alfalfa flour, made from the succulent alfalfa hay. All right. Eat a cabbage soufflé when you feel that way. Then you will know the answer to the age-old problem: Why is a Rabbit?

A Montana cowboy recently shot up a telephone booth. Once in a while a cowboy does a sensible thing.

Carranza is said to be bringing order out of chaos in Mexico. If what's going on there now is order, most of us would like the rougher thing.

We understand that there is going to be a third sex as a result of the war. All right. However, they persist in calling this new bird "she."

The Kaiser is a bird to pray

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## Cynthia Grey's Mail-Box

[Correspondents are requested to make their inquiries as brief as possible, and to write on one side of the paper only. It is impossible to give replies within a stated time, as all letters have to be answered in turn. No letter can be answered privately.]

Thirty Years Ago.  
Dear Miss Grey.—Seeing a reader's request for this little "Clock" song, I am sending it along, hoping it is the one required. I used to sing it thirty years ago, when I went to school.

A Silver Wedding.  
Dear Miss Grey.—Can you give a rhyme, a color scheme for table decoration, and how we might beautify the table for the 25th anniversary party of our honorable parents?

but the paper disappeared before I had a chance to clip it.  
A suggestion for Christmas gifts is to cover a pair of shoe trees, such as you buy at the 5 and 10 cent stores, with ribbon and make a little bow of narrow ribbon on the part which is highest when the shoe tree is in the shoe. The wooden part does not have to be covered, just the metal. I keep several pairs in use, and the shoes are so comfortable to put on when kept this way, and are always in shape. It takes 1½ yards of ribbon, wider than the steel and 1½ yards of narrow ribbon for bows, for a pair.  
Also to make a party of elastic and ribbon and put a pocket on, fastened with a dome, makes a pretty and practical gift for a person who carries many bills around, and who might get robbed in a big, wicked city.  
Please try and publish this some days.

## ADVERTISER WAR PRISONER'S FUND.

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Pen-name..... Date.....  
Return to Miss Grey, in care of Advertiser.

before Christmas, so I can attend to the anniversary party details. Yours ever,

FANNY.  
Ans.—A lovely table decoration scheme, and the appropriate to the occasion, would be to place in the centre of the table a mirror, round, oval, or square, with a smilax (or other greenery) if you cannot obtain smilax) banded around the edge; in the centre, stand a silver basket or vase, of white carnations, with "trailers" of the smilax to the edge of the mirror. If the basket is used, a large bowl of silver and white roses (you can buy it at the florist's) might adorn the handle.  
Another idea (if you live in the country and can't get flowers) is to have festoons of fir (they may be made by fastening the twigs firmly to strips of dark cotton) spruce or cedar, hanging from a hanging lamp or chandelier, to the corner of the table, where bows of silver-grey and white ribbon might conceal the ends. Sprinkle all with mica dust. The centre of the table could be occupied with a nicely-iced "wedding" cake, surrounded by a garland of the green.  
As place cards are invariably desired for souvenirs at events of this kind, it would be nice to have them engraved or printed by a stationer. A heart-shaped, silver-edged card could be used, with the announcement on something like this:

Smith..... Brown  
1891—1916  
December 25th.  
Mary Smith, John Brown,  
Glencoe, Ont.  
A smaller card of the same shape, placed on top of this, bears the name of the guest; the cards are secured by a bow of silver ribbon.  
If you do not wish the expense of having the cards printed, you could cut them yourself out of heavy linen writing paper, write the announcement thereon in your best hand, and tie with the ribbon. It may just be that you could buy suitable cards at a stationer's and thus save the cutting out.  
For the tableware, use as much silver as you can "beg, borrow or steal," and white china if possible.  
A menu, seemingly suitable, would be:

Cream of Celery Broth  
Roast Fowl Creamed Potatoes  
Apple Fritters, Currant Jelly  
Mince Pie  
Ice Cream Cake Coffee.

You could order the ice cream in heart-shaped portions if you wished. The mock whipped cream, and a lemon jelly could be served instead. The cream is made by grating apples, sweetening, and beating in the stiffly frothed whites of eggs.  
Thanks for your little Christmas hints. Hope these ideas help a wee bit.  
Governor-General's Salary.  
Dear Miss Grey.—I admire your column, and read it with interest. Could you give me a cure for the disease called shingles on an aged person, and, if you do, how should they be treated? Hoping to hear from you soon.  
What salary does the governor-general receive yearly? Sincerely yours,  
ONE WISHING TO KNOW.  
Ans.—Sally, I can tell you nothing about this disease, or a cure for it. Suppose one should follow a doctor's treatment for it.  
2. The governor-general of Canada receives £10,000 a year.

Our interesting corner.  
Dear Miss Grey.—Please may I join your interesting corner? I have read the letters for so long that I feel as if I know the corner intimately.  
Now, I have noticed quite a few lately asking for joke patterns. Now, I have several books with jokes in which I will gladly exchange with anyone. You see I am needing some, too. Well, I must not stay too long on my first visit or I will wear out my welcome. May I call again, please?  
Good-bye, MERRY CANUCK.  
Ans.—Shall I tell you in our column if anyone writes for your books? You can mail them direct and save postage. Anyone who calls us "interesting" is surely welcome to come again.  
He Tried, Anyway.  
Dear Miss Grey.—Will you give your credit for sticking up for us discharged fellows. I know of lots of fellows who have never put the khaki on. But I have it not to

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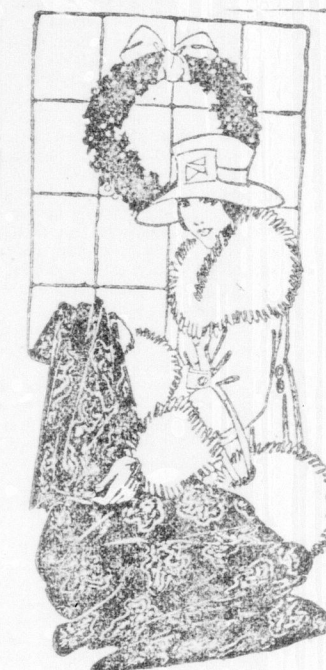
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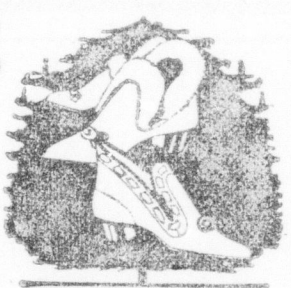
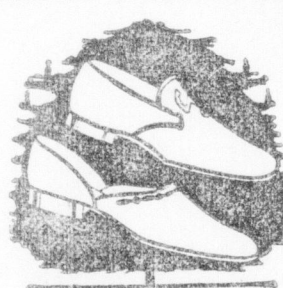
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With picture, song and story,  
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Best wishes for your Christmas,  
And now I'll say 'adieu!'

## DAILY BIBLE QUESTION CLUB

By Rev. T. S. Linscott, D.D.  
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The six daily studies for this week constitute the International S. S. Lesson for next Sunday. Read the Bible Story on which this study is based, as you ponder the following questions:

"The Holy City" Rev. xxi, 1-4, 9-14, 22-27, xlii, 1-5.  
Golden Text—"Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his people." Rev. xxi, 3.  
Verse 4.—What will be the positive enjoyments in heaven, which we get but a taste of on earth?  
3. Verse 9.—What is the employment of the vast number of angels that are in heaven?  
10. Verses 10-11.—If we would get the greatest possible view of God's spiritual universe, what is it necessary for us to do?

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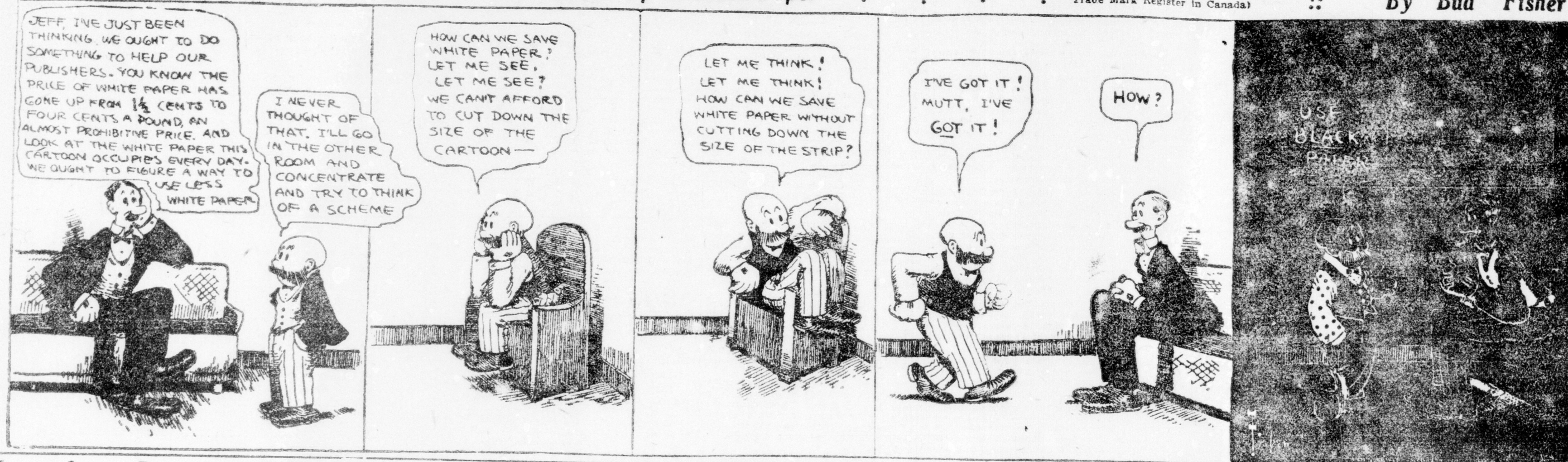


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## London Juniors To Play First Game at Ingersoll

Schedule Drawn Up for This District Junior O. H. A. at Meeting Held at Woodstock Yesterday—Opening Game on New Year's Day.

WOODSTOCK, Dec. 12.—At a meeting here this afternoon of representatives from London, Woodstock, St. Thomas and Ingersoll, comprising No. 7 district, Junior O. H. A., the following schedule was drawn up:

Jan. 1—London Hockey Club at Ingersoll.

Jan. 2—London A. A. A. at 153rd Battalion (St. Thomas).  
Jan. 3—153rd Battalion at London A. A. A.  
Jan. 6—Ingersoll at London Hockey Club.  
Jan. 8—London A. A. A. at Ingersoll.  
Jan. 9—Woodstock College at 153rd Battalion.  
Jan. 12—153rd Battalion at Woodstock College.  
Jan. 13—Ingersoll at London A. A. A.  
Jan. 15—Woodstock College at Ingersoll.  
Jan. 16—London Hockey Club at 153rd Battalion.  
Jan. 18—London A. A. A. at London Hockey Club.  
Jan. 19—Ingersoll at Woodstock College.  
Jan. 20—153rd Battalion at London Hockey Club.  
Jan. 22—153rd Battalion at Ingersoll.  
Jan. 23—London Hockey Club at Woodstock College.  
Jan. 24—Woodstock College at London A. A. A.  
Jan. 25—London A. A. A. at Woodstock College.  
Jan. 30—Ingersoll at 153rd Battalion.  
Jan. 31—London Hockey Club at London A. A. A.  
Feb. 2—Woodstock College at London Hockey Club.  
Referees were appointed as follows: St. Thomas—Lieut. Brown, 153rd Battalion.  
London—Tommy Monroe.  
Ingersoll—Charles Woolson and Geo. Mason.  
Woodstock—Russell Sanderson.

## Hacking Coughs

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## Bowling



The Marconis whitewashed the Has-Bens last night in the City League by taking three games from them.

Paul Mascari won the honors of the night by making the highest total score with 617, and the highest individual with 217.

The teams and scores:

Team	Won	Lost	P.C.
Has-Bens	18	9	.667
Nationals	15	9	.625
Marconis	15	12	.556
Brunswicks	11	13	.458
St. Peters	8	12	.400
Blue Labels	7	20	.250

Totals ..... 892 914 571-2671.

## MANUFACTURERS' LEAGUE

The Standing:

Team	Won	Lost	P.C.
Whites	2	1	.667
Scott-Chamberlain	2	1	.667
Hymans	1	2	.333
Cowans Hardware	1	2	.333
Murray Shoe	0	0	.000
McClarys	0	0	.000
Blue Labels	0	0	.000
Empire Brass	0	0	.000

Totals ..... 697 745 621-1973.

The Scott-Chamberlain five took two out of three from Cowans hardware last night in the City League last night.

Arnold of Scott-Chamberlain made the highest total score with 448, while Pearce of Cowans made the highest individual with 151.

The teams and scores:

Team	Won	Lost	P.C.
Cowans	153	144	.513
Kingsboro	110	127	.463
Pearse	102	191	.345
Haire	131	106	.556
Crummer	101	177	.363

Totals ..... 697 745 621-1973.

The Has-Bens failed to get three games from the Marconis last night.

The Nationals and Brunswicks battle tonight in the City League.

The Marconis must have had a streak of luck last night when they won the three straight games.

Manager Sheere bowled a nice game last night, but Paul Mascari was superior.

Arnold and Rose seem to be the main support of the Scott-Chamberlain team.

The Blue Labels and McClarys meet tonight in the Manufacturers' League.

Crummer bowled a nice game last night in the Manufacturers' League.

## IMPERIALS GET TROPHY

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
SARNIA, Dec. 12.—The Imperial baseball team was awarded the trophy as winners in the City League baseball series last summer. Arrangements for next season's games will be made at the spring meeting.

BREAK IN JUAREZ RACES.  
JUAREZ, Dec. 12.—There will be no racing here on Wednesday and Thursday owing to changes in the betting system. Friday's entries will be sent out on Thursday.

## MAGNATES ABOLISH DISABILITY LIST

Clubs May Carry Twenty-Two Players Next Season.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Routine business occupied the attention of the National League magnates here today, at the first session of the annual meeting.

The magnates abolished the disability list, under which clubs were permitted last season to carry extra players, and adopted a new rule for 1917 allowing each club to carry 22 players from May 15 to August 31, in place of the 21 players limit as in 1916. At other periods of the season the 35 player regulation will prevail as heretofore.

A committee representing the American Association, presented a protest against the draft rule now in operation against "AA" leagues.

President Tener, in his report, recommended that official action be taken by the league looking to a revision of the world's series rules, especially with the view of setting aside a part of the players' percentage for distribution among the players of other clubs not participating in the series.

Although the International League club owners deliberated for over eight hours today before ending their annual business meeting, President Egan said no reference had been made to the league's refusal to abide by the national commission's finding, in regard to the payment of \$5,000 by the Newark club to the owners of the Brooklyn National League club.

Many details of the proposed series between the International League and American Association clubs were gone into. It was agreed that each club donate \$25 instead of \$500, to make the purse for the winning league \$10,000. Then the International League conceded that the series should begin in the western cities, and the committee which will control the post-season games is to consist of Presidents Hickey and Barrow.

The International League season will open about April 15, and close August 15. The post-season series, consisting of 48 games, will begin on August 7.

## INGERSOLL JUNIORS GET AWAY TO GOOD START

Hockey Club Organized at Enthusiastic Meeting.

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
INGERSOLL, Dec. 12.—At an enthusiastic and well-attended meeting this evening, the Ingersoll Junior Hockey Club organized for the season. The majority of last season's players will be rallied, and it is expected several others will be recruited. The following officers were elected:

Honorary president, J. A. Coulter; president, C. C. L. Wilson, Mayor; W. J. Elliott, R. B. Hutt, E. Lee, A. T. Lowe, W. C. Johnston; president, S. A. Gibson, vice-president, Jas. Grieve; first vice-president, Chas. Woodson; second vice-president, Dr. Murray; third vice-president, Wm. Gemmill; secretary, Vincent Wilson, Percy Engle, Geo. Gregory, secretary-treasurer, T. N. Dunn.

## O. H. A. CERTIFICATES GO OUT ON FRIDAY

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
TORONTO, Dec. 12.—As the result of the receipt of a letter from England from Capt. James T. Sutherland, president of the O. H. A., the acting president, Sheriff Paxton of

## RE-ELECTED LEADER OF INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUE



Will act as president, secretary and treasurer for the next five years.

Whitby, has appointed George B. McKay of Kingston and Frank Dissette of Toronto to the executive committee of the O. H. A.

In addition to the men elected annually to the committee, two appointments are made by the president. The men appointed this season are the same that Capt. Sutherland appointed last season. Both have been prominently associated with O. H. A. senior championship teams in former years. Mr. McKay as captain of the famous old Wellingtons of Toronto, and Mr. Dissette as manager of the equally famous St. Michaels, winners of the Allan Cup and amateur championship of the Dominion of Canada.

The O. H. A. certificates will be in the hands of the clubs on Saturday morning, as they will be mailed from O. H. A. headquarters on Friday afternoon.

## HOCKEY GOSSIP

There was a young fellow named Stocky, Who once tried to learn to play hockey; But when he was through He was all black and blue, And felt most internally rocky.

The L. A. A. A. will hold a meeting Thursday evening, December 14, in their club rooms at 79 Dundas street, to discuss organization.

Eighteen military hockey teams are listed in the O. H. A. in the province.

The Y. M. C. A. claim they will have a fast senior team.

Wyckoff will manage the St. Matthews team.

There will be three O. H. A. teams in the city this winter, but the church teams will play fast hockey, too, as there are a number of speedy ones in the line-up.

T. Taylor and Gord Henderson are two of St. Paul's stars who will be found on that hockey team this season.

Harold Logan and Arnold Wooton are two good players for the Colborne Street hockey team.

Askew Street Methodist Church hockey team will play in the Methodist League this winter.

The Colborne Street Methodist hockey committee held a meeting last evening and formulated plans for organization.

## ALL HOCKEY FANS ASKED TO TURN UP AT HYMAN HALL

Every fellow who is interested in hockey in any way is asked to turn out at Hyman Hall tomorrow night. Training for the coming season will be commenced under capable and competent instructors, who know just what the boys need to put them in shape for the hard games of the season. Now that the schedule for this group has been drawn up it is time that practice was started in earnest.

Facilities for the best training have been installed, and should prove an attraction to those interested in hockey. Every attention will be given to the boys who attend. Boxing, skipping and running will be prominent features of the program mapped out for the boys, and these exercises, together with others, should fast put them in shape.

If you are at all interested in the game and want to feel better come out and get the benefit of this training. The following are especially asked to present: McKay, Elliot, Walden, Jos. Fitzpatrick, Lancaster, Clarke, Dinsmore, Loughrey, Smith, Stewart, Gilles, Cline, Windrum, Self, McKee, Cook, Everett, McGeach, Harrison, and everyone else who is interested in this branch of sport.

## WEGNER'S GIANTS DEFEAT SOLDIERS

Fast Game of Basketball at Y. M. C. A. Results in Score of 44 to 24.

Wegner's Giants beat the Soldiers last night at the Y. M. C. A. in the City League basketball series by the score of 44 to 24. The Giants had a fast team, and the Soldiers played well, but failed to equal the Giants.

The following was the line-up:

Soldiers: Jepson..... Forward ..... Shaw Thomas..... Forward ..... Duffield Hughes..... Centre ..... Merkle Ginsberg..... Defence ..... David Baldwin..... Defence ..... Burridge Referee: Mascara.

## FINAL CITY LEAGUE GAME OF BASKETBALL THURSDAY

Last of the Series to Have Been Played Last Night Between Dowler's and the Y. Juniors, Postponed.

The final game of the season in the City League basketball series, which was to have been played off last night between the "Y" Juniors and Dowler's teams was postponed until Thursday evening.

If the "Y" Juniors win the game they will be the champions of the first series of the City League basketball games, as they have won three games out of four, and the Dowler's team have won two and lost one. This game on Thursday night should be one of the best games of the season.

There is only one more night for basketball for the four teams, and the first series will be ended. The second season will begin early in the new year.

The second series will be much faster. It is expected that the first, as there will be several other teams entered, including the Western University.

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## Paper Mill Profits Almost Doubled in First Half of 1916

### American Probe Shows Big Jump for the Manu- facturers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The federal trade commission re-opened hearings today in its investigation of the rise in newspaper paper prices, presenting facts gathered by its investigators in the plants of American and Canadian manufacturers, producers, jobbers and paper users were heard. Tables prepared by the commission were brought out at the hearing to show the following conditions:

Both Canadian and United States averages show no increase in cost of paper manufacture in the first half of 1916 as compared with 1915. Selling expenses in the first half of 1916 were lower than in 1915, and profits per ton were higher. The percentage of profit on investment figured on book investment, increased from 5.22 per cent in 1915 for nineteen companies to 9.34 per cent for fifteen companies in the first half of 1916. Rates of profit on the cost of investment would have been even higher could the figures have been obtained.

Market prices increased in 1916 to a much greater extent than contract prices.

Canadian mills are manufacturing print paper at about \$4.50 a ton less than American mills.

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It is simply a call for food—for enough bread and soup to stop the pangs of hunger that hundreds of them feel every day.

The cost of a moderate size turkey—of two or three boxes of chocolates—of one of the many presents we have formed the habit of giving to those who do not need them, will feed a Belgian family a whole month!

Don't you think the money will do more good if this year you give some of it to the Belgian Relief Fund? Will it not be more pleasing to Him whose birth we celebrate? Send your contribution weekly, monthly or in one lump sum to Local or Provincial Committees, or

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## Goat Mascot of the 111th Back in Camp

GALT, Dec. 12.—"Puck," the goat mascot of the 111th South Waterloo Battalion, who was so well-known to visitors to Carling Heights when the battalion was located there, and who was lost when the unit reached England when marching through Hythe, was recovered in that town by Sgt.-Major Scott Bartlemore, and was taken to West Sandling Camp where half of the battalion is still camped. The "One-on-one" boys gave "Puck" a royal reception on his return, according to letters just received.

## PART OF REICHSTAG OPPOSED TO TERMS; PROMPTLY GAGGED

### Liberals and Socialists Refuse To Support Peace Proposals.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—Via London, Dec. 13.—The speech of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg before the Reichstag today, in which he declared that Germany was willing to make peace, was not marked by a single expression of dissent, while the significant passages were greeted with hearty bravos and cheers. It was noticeable, however, that Count Friedrich von Westarp, the Conservative leader, and others of his following sat silent and unmoved even when the galleries and newspapersmen joined demonstratively in the applause. When the chancellor had concluded his speech an attempt was made to force an immediate debate by the annexationist bloc under Major Ernst Bassermann, leader of the National Liberals, and Count Westarp, supported by the Extreme Socialists. This move was firmly rebuffed by the leaders of the moderate parties who agreed with the chancellor that a general discussion of possible peace conditions, before the attitude of the enemy powers was made known, could only injure the cause of peace and place Germany at a diplomatic disadvantage. Their attitude was that if the central powers exposed all their cards before peace negotiations began they would be placed at a disadvantage.

The indefinite adjournment of the Reichstag by its own decision leaves the Government a free hand to conduct of peace negotiations, and is regarded as tantamount to a vote of confidence.

## PIONEER MISSIONARY OF NORTHWEST IS DEAD

First Man Who Ever Plowed in Alberta Dies in Midnapore, Alta.

CALGARY, Dec. 12.—Father Lacombe died at the Lacombe Home in Midnapore, Alberta, Monday morning. He was one of the oldest pioneers of the West, having come here 67 years ago to take up missionary work among the Indians and half-breeds. He composed a large dictionary and grammar of the Cree language, and claimed the distinction of being the first man to guide a ploughshare through the soil of Alberta.

The carriers of the Hudson Bay Company were guided by his explorations when they first entered the country. Father Lacombe was born in St. Sulpice, L'Assomption County, Quebec, in 1828, and came to Manitoba in 1849.

## BRITISH FEELING HOSTILE TO PEACE MOVE OF TEUTONS

### Evidently Effort To Shift Re- sponsibility.

#### LONDON NOT IMPRESSED

Has Not Created as Much Interest as Cabinet Crisis.

London, Dec. 13.—A strong current of public sentiment opposed to the German peace proposals was evident in the first expressions available last night, both from public men and British press, although these were without knowledge of any definite terms, and without any word from high authoritative sources containing the sentiment of the Government.

In the absence of some tangible official proposition British officials were disposed to maintain reserve. It was noticeable that the proposal had not created any profound impression among the average Londoners. There was little talk in the hotels or other public places, and this discussion was far less animated than in the recent ministerial crisis.

Want Details First. Government circles also held aloof from any discussion, with an evident desire to learn more of the details before committing the new administration to a definite course of action. The foreign office would make no comment in the absence of terms, but indicated that the British attitude up to the present, made from time to time by the premier and Viscount Grey, and that any new proposals would have to be made in a definite attitude was possible.

Those in close connection with the new Government took the view that the proposals were entirely unacceptable, mainly because they were not likely to touch what the ruling authorities regard as the most essential basis of peace—namely, such guarantees against German militarism as will permit England, France and their allies to demobilize their vast armies, reduce their enormous military expenses, and return to lasting conditions of peace. Illness Defers Announcement. Both Premier Lloyd George and Mr. Balfour, secretary of state for foreign affairs, are slightly ill, and this may result in deferring the announcement of the plans of the new Government. The next Thursday, but if an announcement is made, it will probably contain reference to the German proposals, though this is unlikely, pending the receipt of the proposal itself through official channels.

Laugh at Boastings. Some expressions showing the early drift of public sentiment were as follows:

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle: "We want to know more about the terms, for without them the imperial chancellor's suggestion of peace is preposterous. His boastings are a conscious of victory, and his boastings will be laughed at."

Peace Disastrous Now. "The terms of the Londoners: 'We have got to win this war. Peace at the present time would be disastrous to the nation and the Empire. It is only a question of time, and we will win out absolutely.'"

Political Manoeuvre. Sir Gilbert Parker, after dining with his associates in the House of Commons, said: "This is clearly a political manoeuvre, designed to impress the world as a dramatic stroke, but having little serious purpose towards securing an enduring peace. One of the chief essentials of any peace would be such a curbing of German militarism that a resumption of the present conflict would be impossible. Without such a guarantee England

## ECZEMA ON FACE Was So Bad Had To Stay in House.

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NEW PEEL JUDGE. OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—B. F. Justin, K. C. of Drummond, has been appointed county judge for Peel, succeeding Judge McGibbon, retired.

Col. J. S. McInnes, assistant adjutant-general at Ottawa, will leave for London, England, shortly to be upon the staff of Sir George Parley.

## SUFFERED WITH BACK FOR TEN YEARS.

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And France would be compelled as a matter of self-defence to retain vast armies, and thus continue the enormous war burden of the present, instead of being permitted to resume peace with the assurance that they will not again be plunged into war."

## FOUR FROM DISTRICT KILLED IN ACTION

Many Are Reported Wounded in Recent Fighting.

### KILLED IN ACTION

WINDSOR.  
Lieut. B. J. Bates.  
Sergeant, Bruce Leask.

### DIED OF WOUNDS

LONDON.  
Pte. L. G. Davis.  
EUPHEMIA TOWNSHIP.  
Sergeant, Harry A. Stoneham.

### SHOCK DUTTON.

Pte. Wm. J. McNellis.

### SERIOUSLY ILL

Pte. Harry Carl Brown.

### WOUNDED

STRAITFORD.  
Pte. Bruce Leask.

TILLSONBURG.  
Pte. Thomas Bell.

GODERICH.  
Pte. Reuben Sallows.

WINDSOR.  
Pte. Fred Odlin.

OWBER.  
Pte. G. S. Breen.

SIMCOE.  
Pte. H. S. Cook.

## SASKATCHEWAN VOTERS PRACTICALLY ALL DRY

In Cities 14,528 Voted to Abolish Dispensaries While 2,286 Wanted Them.

REGINA, Dec. 12.—Voting on the abolition of Government liquor stores in the province yesterday was so one-sided that it was practically unanimous. Citizens voted 14,528 to 2,286 for the abolition of stores, and this proportion was increased in the voting in towns, villages and rural districts. In many towns there was only one or two supporters of dispensaries. In some none at all and votes of 150 to 1 were not uncommon. Soldiers to the number of 1,500 voted on the question and of that number 376 voted for dispensaries.

Following is the vote of cities: City, Yes, No. Regina, 4,280, 761. Saskatoon, 4,245, 472. Moose Jaw, 3,500, 530. Prince Albert, 933, 490. Swift Current, 700, 214. Weyburn, 680, 103.

Totals, 14,528, 2,286. In the large towns the proportion was the same.

## HELD FOR MURDER OF WESTERN COUPLE

TORONTO, Dec. 12.—Bertram J. P. Spain, a 16-year-old agency boy, who has been working on a farm at Stone-wall, Man., was arrested tonight in Toronto hotel, on his arrival from the west, on request of the western authorities. The arrest is in connection with the murder of his late employer, James Vincent, and his wife, who last Saturday were found dead from gunshot wounds. Spain admitted his identity.

DORCHESTER R. B. P. OFFICERS. DORCHESTER, Dec. 12.—The following officers of the R. B. P. of Middlesex R. B. P., No. 757, were installed Saturday night by Past Perceptor John O'Neill: Worshipful preceptor, Wilbur Hunter; deputy preceptor, Ernest Paul; chaplain, Archie Ross; registrar, Geo. Williams; treasurer, J. Kermohan; lecturers, J. J. O'Neill and J. S. O'Neill; censors, W. J. Wilson and Geo. Chittick; standard bearer, Harry Hughes; and G. F. Neely; persulvant, John Bankes.

CROWDED TEMPERANCE MEETING. Forest, Dec. 12.—There were not seats enough in the town hall to accommodate the large crowd that attended the mass meeting here on Sunday evening in the interests of the Dominion Alliance. The chair was occupied by Rev. J. A. Loverie, the speakers being Rev. Ben Spence of Toronto and Robert Strieth of Petro-lio. W. Norris, Toronto, sang acceptably. A collection was taken up to the amount of \$9.25. In the morning and in the afternoon Mr. Strieth held meetings in Lake Shore Congregational and North Plymouth Congregational Churches.

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## TABLOID NEWS OF CANADA, THE WAR AND THE WORLD

The overdue Furness Withy liner Messina arrived at St. John, N.B., yesterday. Rough weather delayed her.

The degree of Doctor of Civil Law will be conferred upon the governor-general, the Duke of Devonshire, by McGill University.

W. R. Baker, C.V.O., secretary of the C.P.R., and assistant to the president, has, at his own request, been put on the retired list.

John Reid, a munitions worker, aged 24, whose home is at Red Bay, Bruce County, was struck and fatally injured by a suburban car on the Wasion road, and died in a Toronto hospital.

Sir Thomas White, minister of finance, has issued an appeal to Canadians to keep their money at home, instead of investing it in Canadian stocks and bonds, rather than in those of non-Canadian origin.

The Hearst International Film Service, frequently strongly pro-German in its attitude, has been barred from Canada by action of the motion picture censorship boards of the provinces. No action has been taken by the federal authorities.

Attorney General Gregory has no intention of resigning now or later, it is said authoritatively. According to officials this makes it certain that all cabinet members will remain in office for at least a time after March 4.

By a vote of 42 to 14 the Senate late yesterday adopted the committee amendment to the immigration bill which would exclude Hindus and other "undesirable" races from the country by name, and which eliminates from the bill all reference to passport agreements.

Lloyds Shipping Agency announces that the Danish steamer Inger, a vessel of 786 tons, has been sunk.

The report that the British steamer Tanfield was sunk last Saturday was an error. The steamer has safely arrived in port.

The Russian Duma is united against the German factions. Both chambers demand a change in the Government, and it is expected that within a short time Russia will have representative government.

In all sixteen were killed and many wounded in a riot at Tourcoing on the occasion of the deportation of 300 Belgian civilians by Germans. A soldier started the riot when he struck a workman over the head with a rifle.

The Cologne Gazette says that General von Stein, the Prussian war minister, has appointed a general officer commanding the army in the west, with powers including control of the censorship laws, as well as other laws relating to a state of siege.

A dispatch to Lloyds Shipping Agency from Plymouth reports the Belgian steamer Keltier of 2,360 tons, bound from Newcastle, N.B., for Queenstown, Ireland, was sunk by a submarine, off the Scilly Islands. The steamer was abandoned, damaged by a submarine, but did not sink, as previously reported. The vessel has been grounded in Falmouth Harbor.

A claim made by the German admiralty that two big transport steamers were sunk by submarines in the Mediterranean on November 25 and December 3 brings a reply from the British that the loss of the steamer King Malcolm, one of the boats referred to, was announced some days ago. She was not a transport, but an ordinary cargo vessel. Her captain was taken prisoner by the Germans.

The Italian war office communication yesterday says: "In the Adige valley there were only small artillery actions. During Sunday night an attempt was made by the enemy against our positions on the Dosso Casina, southwest of Loppio, in the Cambrata valley (Trentino front), was checked."

"Continual bad weather yesterday prevented artillery activity even on the Carso."

Peterboro fire death roll now stands at six, with nine missing. The dead are: Edward Howley, Vincent Farnolo, Walter Holden, Dominic Marone, Philip Carbone, Thomas Parsons, the miles, Carl, William Wesley, J. W. Gordon, James Foster, Ernest Staunton, Dennis O'Brien, William Hogan, Alex. McGee, William Vosburg, John Conway.

Peace proposals caused great sensation in Scandinavia. Copenhagen papers believe Allies will reject offers.

Sir Edward Carson publicly appeals to every Britisher to make sacrifices for the general cause.

Washington dispatches indicate Wilson may use Germany's peace proposals in an effort to bring about a peace conference.

Spanish radicals have bill to stop provisioning of German subs.

EXETER NOTES. Exeter, Dec. 12.—An entertainment for the auspices of the Young Ladies' Missionary Circle, consisting of a three-act play entitled "Aunt Maggie's Will," solos, duets and choruses, will be given in Main Street Methodist Church on Wednesday evening, December 20.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Stewart have received word that their son, Pte. Douglas Stewart, has recovered from his operation, and is able to be back with the battalion again.

Albert Etherington has sold one of his 100-acre farms to J. T. Morgan of Uxbridge.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN SAFE. NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The women and children among the 222 passengers on the United States transport Sumner, which is hard aground off the New Jersey coast, were removed according to a message received here from Cape Webber of the transport.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT "CRAIG." Alisa Craig, Dec. 12.—Rev. Dr. Spencer, late of California, preached two instructive sermons on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Baptist Church. Both services were well attended. P. Eborall, tenor soloist, of Toronto, sang acceptably at the evening service. These special meetings are to be continued this week, and are drawing large crowds.

CONCERT FOR RED CROSS. At Craig, Dec. 12.—A noted entertainer will appear in the town hall on Monday evening, December 18, at 8 p.m., in aid of the Red Cross, and will be assisted by local talent, including Miss Florence Leitch, mezzo-soprano, Maude Morton, soprano, Robinson and Ada Munro; also bagpipers by Messrs. Donald McLean and Robert McLean, and Harry Lander selections by R. McLean, in costume.

## "SEND PROFITS TO HELL," HE TELLS MANUFACTURERS

TORONTO, Dec. 12.—J. W. Flavell, chairman of the imperial munitions board, who returned from England a few days ago, this afternoon accompanied by Col. Edwards, inspector-general of munitions and Mr. Gordon and Mr. Fitzgerald of the munitions board, met two hundred leading munitions manufacturers from all over Ontario. Mr. Flavell, who said he was fresh from the heart of a nation which was sweating blood to win the war, bluntly told the manufacturers that Canada had failed to make good her promises to Britain in the matter of delivery of munitions. He stated that in the inspection houses in Britain he had seen Canadian shells which were faulty. Good shells meant victory but defective shells were deadly to our own gunners.

"Profits!" he said. "Send profits to the hell where they belong. If you fail to your promises it may mean disaster."

Col. Edwards stated that it was hoped to establish training schools for the army and navy, and that it was taught. One was already in operation in Montreal, and in the near future one would be opened in Toronto.

BRIAND'S WAR COUNCIL OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED

Result of French Cabinet Shake-up Gives War Control to Five.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—The new French cabinet, according to an official list available, is comprised as follows: Minister of Foreign Affairs—Aristide Briand.

Minister of Finance—Alexandre Ribot. Minister of War—General Hubert Lyautey.

Minister of Marine—Rear Admiral Lacaze. Minister of Fabrication Nationale, including munitions and transportation—Albert Thomas.

The five foregoing cabinet members will form a council of national defence.

NO TRUCE TILL PEACE FOR YEARS TO COME

Premier Borden Discusses Germany's Proposal.

SASKATOON, Dec. 12.—"It is the determination of the people of this land of the peoples of the British Empire—that there shall be no truce. There shall be peace, which means peace, for many years to come. That is the spirit of the people of Canada, as it is the spirit of her men at the front, in the hospitals, and in training."

So said Sir Robert Borden at a meeting here tonight, attended by 2,000 people. The application of his words to the news of the day swept over the audience, and for an instant there was a tumult of applause.

CENTRALIA COOPS ROBBED. CENTRALIA, Dec. 12.—People in the village are now locking their hen houses, as recently some coops were robbed. The application of his words to the news of the day swept over the audience, and for an instant there was a tumult of applause.

161ST BROKEN UP. WINGHAM, Dec. 12.—Chester Copeland of the 161st Battalion, now in England, writes home that he had the honor of having his hat in the House of Commons on the day when Lord Kitchener once hung his hat. Chester is an ardent military man. Before enlisting he was a mail clerk on the London, Huron and Bruce train, and is now in the army mail department overseas. His brother Ernest is in the military M. C. A. department.

Letters from some of the boys now training in England state the 161st is broken up, and detachments are being sent in efforts to France. Some of the boys who did not pass the physical test are now doing work in other departments rather than come back home without doing "a bit." They report having good times.

DORCHESTER CURLERS ORGANIZE. DORCHESTER, Dec. 12.—The local curling club met Monday night at the Bank of Toronto and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Frank Newby; vice-president, J. Calvert; secretary and treasurer, W. Van Eglin; executive committee, Dr. Banghart; J. B. Sandy, Colin Campbell, J. Rennie, R. A. Logan and J. H. Chittick.

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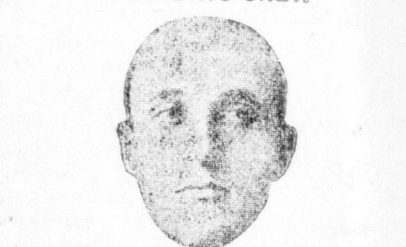


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## LITTLE INTEREST SHOWN IN ELECTION ISSUES HERE

Only About Forty Attended. Public Meeting Last Evening.

The slight interest which London taxpayers take in city business was evidenced last evening when about forty citizens attended the public meeting in the city hall to hear important questions discussed. E. H. Russell was chairman.

Several citizens wanted information about the proposed natural gas bylaw and Controller White spoke. One objection to the proposition, he said, was that the company would not guarantee continuity of service. The maximum price was fixed at 42¢ cents per 1,000 cubic feet, with a rebate of five cents per 1,000 feet. It was thought, however, that the rate would be from 30 to 32 cents the first year. Controller White considered 15 or 16 cents per 1,000 feet of gas equal to soft coal at \$4 per ton.

The price asked seemed too high in his opinion. Gas from Tillsonburg, he thought, worth looking into, as unlike the Tilbury brand, it contained no sulphur, and would be available for domestic use as well.

"It is claimed that it ranks 1,000 against 400 when compared with artificial gas, and Mr. Brackin appears to be able to quote a much lower price," he said.

Regarding municipal coal yards, which were next discussed, Ald. Palmer was of the opinion that the consent of Parliament would be necessary. He was not sure that they would be profitable.

One citizen urged that the city could handle coal yards profitably, and held that the board of trade is siding with the coal dealers against submitting the coal yard question to ratepayers.

Ald. Ashplant urged the need of municipal coal yards, bakeries and all other public necessities.

Mr. Thompson of Evergreen avenue, urged the elimination of candidates who block the municipalization of all necessities of life.

Others urged the submission of these questions to the ratepayers.

Gordon Phillips, industrial commissioner, was asked to explain the \$100,000 bond guarantee bylaw. "Industries produce wealth and wealth is distributed to everybody," he said.

"We are forced into this by other up-to-date cities." Some amusement was caused by a man who persisted in inquiring what kind of wages would be paid in the factories to be brought here. "Returned soldiers, after the war, must have employment," added

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Mr. Philip, "and they will come to the places that have factories."

### MAKE DIRECT REQUEST AND SAVE TEST FEES

Health Board is Willing to Analyze Water Free of Charge.

The utilities commission will have to make requests direct to the board of health for water tests in future. At the meeting of the board yesterday afternoon, General Manager Buchanan of the commission asked for a remission of \$70 fees to the Institute of Public Health for tests made. Dr. Hill reported that no request had come to the board, and as a result the institute had made the regular charge. It was decided to have the commission apply direct to the board in future, and the tests will be made without charge. The account for \$70 will have to be paid.

Dr. Hill called attention to the statement in a newspaper that some of the houses supposed to have been fumigated last year showed diphtheria again this year. He declared that in 1915, 106 houses had been fumigated, and in only one was there any case of diphtheria. The strange part of it was that

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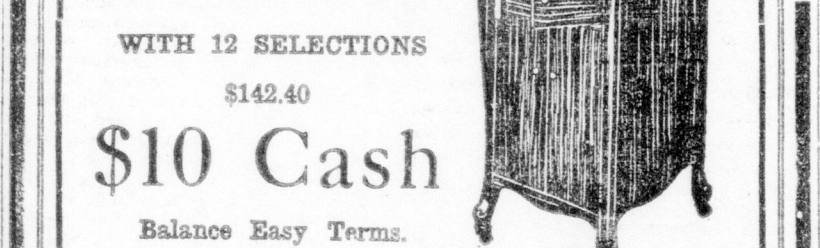
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and let their favorite music "top off" their hearty Christmas dinner. A better Christmas present for the entire family you cannot buy, for the joy of a Victrola NEVER grows less—the NEVER-ENDING joy of the Music they love best!

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An alarmist rumor was given publicity in the city yesterday to the effect that Pte. Eric Ross Goulding had been killed or taken prisoner about the third week of November. This is proved utterly false by the receipt of a card from Pte. Goulding by friends at Komoka last week, written from an English hospital, where he lies after losing one eye. In this card he says he is recovering and announces he will return to Canada as soon as he is able.

# DO YOUR Gift Buying Early

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Where you can buy with confidence and economy of time and money, where you have a large and well-selected stock of DIAMONDS, NECKLETS, PENDANTS, RINGS, BROOCHES, EBONY, PERSIAN IVORY, STERLING SILVER, SILVER PLATE, CUT GLASS, CHINA, CLOCKS, PHOTO FRAMES, UMBRELLAS, WALKING STICKS, and all the Latest Novelties in Jewelry to choose from. Where every article is guaranteed to be just as represented. Where a guarantee of satisfaction means something because of the reputation and solidity of the firm behind it.

**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING**, often found so irksome, and tiring becomes a pleasurable pastime under such circumstances, because of absolute confidence in the firm you're dealing with and the taste and variety of the goods immediately before you. No running around necessary to get things different; no hesitation in buying for fear it may not be right.

### DIAMONDS

Baby Rings—Genuine diamonds, mounted in 14k gold, at ... \$3.00

See our special tray of Diamond Rings, at ... \$5, \$7, \$10, \$15, \$20 and \$25

We also carry a large stock of Ladies' and Gents' Rings, ranging in prices from \$25 to \$500

Solid Gold Brooches set with diamonds ..... \$10.00 up

Gents' Platinum Scarf Safety Bar, set with pearl ..... \$12.00

Gents' Platinum Scarf Safety Bar, with diamonds and pearls ..... \$20.00

Scarf Pins, platinum, set with diamonds and pearls ..... \$10.00 up

Platinum Barpin, set with four pearls and amethyst ..... \$25.00

Platinum Barpin, set with one large diamond ..... \$35.00

Platinum Barpin, set with one diamond and two emeralds ..... \$40.00

Platinum Pendants, set with diamonds. Prices from ..... \$40.00 to \$500.00

Gold Pendants, set with diamond and pearls ..... \$12.00 up

For a Gentleman

A pair of Military Brushes, in ebony and sterling silver. From ..... \$2.00 up

Cigarette Cases, plain and engraved. From ..... \$1.00 to \$35.00

Cuff Links at ..... 50c pair up

Waldemar Chains, in the newest designs. At ..... \$2.50 up

A Signet Ring at ..... \$3.00

A Cane at ..... \$1.00

An Ash Tray at ..... \$1.25 to \$2.00

A Smoking Set, in brass and mahogany. At ..... \$4.00 to \$6.50

A Leather Cigar Case at ..... \$2.00

A Fountain Pen at ..... \$1.00 up

A Fob at ..... 25c up

Cigar Cutter at ..... \$1.00

A Knife at ..... \$1.50

A Tiepin at ..... 25c up

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### For a Lady Friend

You may have a friend for whom it is hard to select a gift. Below is a list of a few of our novelties:

Smelling Salts Bottles, with sterling silver tops. From ..... \$1.25 to \$4.00

Photo Frames, in ivory, silver-plated and sterling. Prices from ..... 40c

Brass Dinner Gong ..... \$3.50

Lingerie Pins, in gold and sterling silver ..... 50c pair up

Spot Pins in enamel, gold and sterling silver ..... 35c pair up

Bedroom and Traveling Clocks, in ivory mahogany, bronze and leather ..... \$2.00 up

### WATCHES

Ladies' guaranteed Gold-Filled Expansion Wrist Watches from ..... \$12.00 up

Military Wrist Watches, from ..... \$3.00 up

Gents 16-size Waltham in Fortune case, for ..... \$10.00

We also carry a full line of high-grade Walthams, Elgins, Howards, Illinois and Ball Watches.

### CUT GLASS

Bud Vases, floral cut ..... 65c to \$3.50

Large Bowl, floral cut ..... \$5.00

Creams and Sugars, floral designs, from ..... \$1.00 to \$10.00

Sherbet Glasses, floral, \$4 to \$10 half dozen

French Dressing Bottles, Hawkes cut, \$2 up

Cut Glass Water Set, six tumblers and pitcher ..... \$8.00 set up

Two Salt Dips, in a case ..... \$1.75 set up

Cologne Bottles ..... \$1.00 each up

Spoon Tray, floral design ..... \$2.50 up

Cut Glass Salt and Pepper, with sterling silver tops ..... \$1.00 set up

Cut Glass Butter Tubs ..... \$1.50 to \$5.00

Cut Glass Comports ..... \$1.50 to \$10.00

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One table Cups and Saucers, special 50c each

One table Cups and Saucers, special 75c each

See our range of High-Class China, including Royal Crown, in the 2451, 1128 Mikado and peacock design.

Coalport, in many designs. Aynsley China, in the yellow, rose and green.

Paragon China, in gold band, with Greek key. Gold band, with Greek key and wreath. Also the newest in black and white stripe, with combination of the rose and carnation.

**Gifts Suitable for the Baby**

Baby Pins from ..... 25c up

Baby Lockets and Chains from ..... \$1.00 up

Bracelets at ..... \$1.00 to \$7.00

Feeding Spoons from ..... 75c to \$3.00

Rings, signet and stone set ..... \$1.00 up

Silver Mugs at ..... \$1.00 to \$8.00

Silver Napkin Rings at ..... 50c to \$3.00

Strings of Small Pearl Beads at ..... \$1.50

Rattle, mounted in sterling silver ..... \$2.00 and \$2.50

White Comb and Brush at ..... \$1.25 each

### RINGS

Baby Signet and Gem-Set Rings ..... \$1.00

Ladies' Gem-Set Rings ..... \$1.00 each

All sizes. Greatest value in Canada.

Ladies' Signet Rings from ..... \$1.50 up

Gents' Signet Rings, large sizes ..... \$4.00 up

Single-Stone Pearl Rings ..... \$3.00 up

Five-Stone Pearl 14k Gold Rings ..... \$5.00 up

Ladies' Cameo Rings, in pink, green, brown and black ..... \$3.00 up

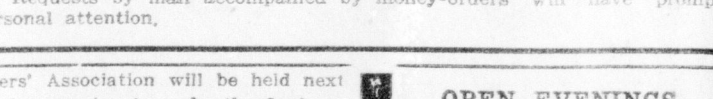
See our display of Gents' Stone-Set and Emblem Rings.

Ladies' Birthday Rings, large stone, at ..... \$2.00 each

Fancy Stone-Set Rings, with combinations of pearls.

### MANTEL CLOCKS

From \$7.00 Up



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### That Christmas Gift

is sure to be doubly appreciated if it comes from Young's, because—

This Store is best known for its high-grade Jewelry, for its sterling silver of quality, and for the kind of silver plate that is second only to sterling, in appearance and wear resistance.

**A FEW SUGGESTIONS**

TEA SETS.—A four-piece, Colonial design, ebony heat-proof handles, hard metal, may be had for as little as \$45.00. Another of great value is a four-piece set, wrought in severe design, specially polished at \$25.00. Many other splendid values from \$14.00 to \$50.00.

CABINETS OF SILVER.—1835, R. W. Wallace & Sons' make, from the small 26-piece chest at \$16.00, to the largest size, three-deck cabinet, at \$120.00.

BONS-BONS.—We carry a very large assortment, nearly all in Sheffield Plate, pierced silver, from \$1.50 to \$5.00.

PEARL-HANDLED KNIVES AND FORKS IN CABINETS.—These goods are now very scarce, and will be increasingly hard to obtain. We have some beautiful examples of this ware in sets of half-dozen knives and forks, at \$12.00 to \$40.00.

GRANDFATHER CLOCKS.—Nothing is quite so friendly and homelike. Here is a gift possessing a rare sentiment that attaches to no other article in the household. We have them from \$60 to \$400, including one only specially-pierced, genuine, mahogany Waltham clock at \$125.00, and one only wonderfully-cased Clock, in new Colonial style, solid mahogany, with rarely melodious Tube Chimes, \$400.00. Our showing of Gift Clocks is most varied and includes scores of handsome Mantel Clocks, Bedroom Clocks, Ivory Clocks, Gold Clocks, Mahogany Clocks, Brass Clocks and Chime Clocks.

It will be a pleasure for us to show you what we have, and equally a pleasure for you to see our showing.

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Soldiers' Association will be held next Saturday evening to make the final arrangements. All returned soldiers of the city are urged to attend. The name and age of every child is requested to be sent to the secretary, 380 Richmond street, not later than Saturday morning next in order that the committee may know how many Christmas stockings to provide.

Other important matters of a private nature were also transacted at the meeting.

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